benefit of All India Travel scheme so far;

(b) what are the norms and conditions envisaged under this scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government insists upon a time schedule for them to complete their travelling programme;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to relax the same in view of the inconvenience being caused to freedom fighters to complete their travel programme within a fixed time limit; and

(e) whether Shri Sunil Gavaskar the noted cricketer and his family have been rewarded with a life-long Railway pass; and if so, the number of other persons who have been awarded with such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 34 467 All India Complimentary Card Passes have been issued upto 31st October 1987. to the Freedom Fighters.

(b) and (c) As per the scheme evolved at the instance of the Ministry of Home Affairs (who bear the expenditure on cost), Freedom Fighters who are receiving pension from the Central Revenues under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, have been given the All India Complimentary Card Passes for travel from any station to any station freely on the Indian Railways system in first class with their spouse/companion during the one year validity period of the pass. The scheme was in operation from 9th November 1986 to 18th November, 1987.

(d) There is no proposal to relax the time limit for travel beyond 1 year.

(e) No person has been given

Research on Vedic Mathematics

*377. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Times of India of 3rd September, 1987 wherein it has been stated that in Britain, Researchers have found that Vedic mathematics has proved to be very useful in checking results or computer calculations and is opening new vistas in other fields also;

(b) if so, what are the reserches made so far or being proceeded further in the country relating to Vedic mathematics and its applications; and

(c) what are the names of such projects and Governments efforts to encourage them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Some scholars in India are known to be engaged in the study and propagation of Vedic Mathematics. The Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan which has recently been set up, is considering the preparation of a project to encourage Vedic mathematics and its application to computer calculations.

Railway lines electrified in Rajasthan

*378. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of railway lines electrified so far in Rajas-

(b) what are the details of the railway lines earmarked for electrification in Rajasthan during the current year; and

(c) what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 46 6 per cent of Broad Gauge Route Kms of lines in Rajasthan have been electrified.

(b) and (c) Follwing sections in Rajasthan have already been energised:

(i) Ghat ka Varana-Kota

(ii) Ramganj Mandi Dhuankheri

(iii) Bhawani Mandi-Kurlasi

(iv) Nathukheri-Thuria

Electrification of Kota-Ramganj Mandi is in an advanced stage of completion.

Herbal drug for heart diseases

*379. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new drug made from an Indian plant has been developed recently for curing heart diseases; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gugulipid is a drug of plant origin developed from gum guggul (Commiphora mukul), for lowering the blood cholesterol levels and thereby preventing atherosclerosis and heart attacks This drug is now marketted under the brand name 'Guglip' by CIPLA Laboratories, Bombay.

Tourist Spots in Allahabad

*380 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Tourist spots to be developed in Allahabad, and

(b) whether there are any proposals to beautify the Macphersen lake and the Jamuna Bank Road near Minto park and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has not received any proposal for development of tourist spots in Allahabad. However, a proposal for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Allahabad was received and the same was stanctioned on 31-3-87 and an amount of Rs. 10 00 lakhs released. Another proposal received from the State Government regarding the provision of water sports at Allahabad is being examined.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism has not received any proposal for beautification of Macphersen lake and the Jamuna Bank Road near Minto park.

Killing of Indian Seamen in Gulf War

@2554. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Merchant seamen have been killed in attack on ships in Iran-Iraq war; if so, the number thereof; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 1654, transferred from the 24th November, 1987.